1. (original): A reactive polysaccharide derivative of formula

$$\begin{bmatrix} Q_1 \\ HO - MPS - N-B-A-Z_1 \end{bmatrix}_D$$
 (1a) or

$$\left[\begin{array}{c}Q_{3}\\HO\frac{1}{m}PS-\left[\begin{array}{c}N-Z_{2}\end{array}\right]_{n}\end{array}\right]_{n}$$

in which

A is -O-, -S- or
$$\begin{array}{c} Q_2 \\ -N- \end{array}$$
 ,

 Q_1 is hydrogen, the radical $--B-A-Z_1$, C_1-C_{10} aryl which is unsubstituted or substituted,

 C_1 - C_{12} alkyl which may be interrupted by oxygen and is unsubstituted or substituted, Q_2 and Q_3 are each independently of the other hydrogen, C_1 - C_{10} aryl which is unsubstituted or substituted, C_1 - C_{12} alkyl which may be interrupted by oxygen and is unsubstituted or substituted, B is an aliphatic or aromatic bridge member,

 Z_1 and Z_2 are each independently of the other a reactive radical of the vinylsulfonyl series, the haloacryloyl series or the heterocyclic series,

PS is a polysaccharide radical,

m is 0, 1 or an integer greater than 1,

n is 1 or an integer greater than 1, and

the sum of n+m corresponds to the original number of hydroxy groups in the polysaccharide molecule.

- 2. (original): A reactive polysaccharide derivative according to claim 1, wherein
 Q₁ is hydrogen, benzyl and C₁-C₄alkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by amino, or the radical
 —B—A—Z₁, and Q₂ and Q₃ are each independently of the other hydrogen, benzyl and C₁-C₄alkyl.
- 3. (currently amended): A reactive polysaccharide derivative according to claim 1-or-2, wherein

A is
$$\begin{array}{c} Q_2 \\ -N \end{array}$$
.

4. (currently amended): A reactive polysaccharide derivative according to any one of claims 1 to 3_claim 1, wherein

B is a C₂-C₁₂alkylene radical, which is unsubstituted or substituted by hydroxy, sulfo, sulfato, cyano or carboxy, and which may be interrupted by 1, 2 or 3 members from the group

-N(R_{1a})- and -O-, in which R_{1a} is hydrogen or C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or R_{1a} has the meaning indicated for Z_1 according to claim 1.

5. (currently amended): A reactive polysaccharide derivative according to any one of claims 1 to 4_claim 1, wherein

B is 1,2-ethylene, 1,3-propylene or 1,2-propylene.

6. (currently amended): A reactive polysaccharide derivative according to any one of claims 1 to 5_claim 1, wherein

 Z_1 is a radical of formula (2a), (2b), (2c), (2d) or (2e)

$$-CO-(CH2)1-SO2-Y (2a),$$

$$-CO-C(Hal)=CH2 (2c),$$

$$N$$
 N
 T_1
(2d) or

in which

Hal is chlorine or bromine,

X₁ is halogen, pyridinium, 3-carboxypyridin-1-yl or 3-carbamoylpyridin-1-yl, or a reactive radical of formula (3a), (3b), (3c), (3d), (3e) or (3f)

$$\begin{array}{c}
R_3 \\
-N-alk-SO_2-Y \\
R_2
\end{array} (3a),$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
-N-alk-Q-alk_{\overline{1}}-SO_{\overline{2}}-Y \\
R_{1} \\
\end{array}$$
(3b),

$$-N$$
—arylene- SO_2 — Y (3c), R_1

$$-N-\text{arylene-}(alk)_{\overline{k}}-W-\text{alk}_{\overline{1}}-SO_{\overline{2}}-Y$$

$$R_{1}$$
(3d),

$$-N$$
 N —alk— SO_2 — Y (3e) or

$$-N$$
—arylene-NH—CO—Y₁ (3f), R_1

R₁ is hydrogen or C₁-C₄alkyl,

R₂ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄alkyl unsubstituted or substituted by hydroxy, sulfo, sulfato, carboxy or by cyano,

R₃ is hydrogen, hydroxy, sulfo, sulfato, carboxy, cyano, halogen, C₁-C₄alkoxycarbonyl,

C₁-C₄alkanoyloxy, carbamoyl or a group -SO₂-Y,

alk and alk $_1$ are each independently of the other linear or branched $C_1\text{-}C_6$ alkylene,

arylene is a phenylene or naphthylene radical unsubstituted or substituted by sulfo, carboxy,

C₁-C₄alkyl, C₁-C₄alkoxy or by halogen,

Q is a radical -O- or -NR₁- wherein R₁ is as defined above,

W is a group -SO₂-NR₂-, -CONR₂- or -NR₂CO- wherein R₂ is as defined above,

Y is vinyl or a radical -CH₂-CH₂-U and U is a group removable under alkaline conditions,

Y₁ is a group -CH(Hal)-CH₂-Hal or -C(Hal)=CH₂ and Hal is chlorine or bromine, and

X₂ is halogen or C₁-C₄alkylsulfonyl,

X₃ is halogen or C₁-C₄alkyl,

 T_1 has independently the same definitions as X_1 above, or is a non-reactive substituent, and T_2 is hydrogen, cyano or halogen.

7. (currently amended): A reactive polysaccharide derivative according to any one of claims 1 to 6 claim 1, wherein

 Z_1 is a radical of formula (2a), (2b), (2c) or (2d)

$$-CO-(CH2)1-SO2-Y (2a),$$

$$-CO-CH(Hal)-CH2-Hal (2b),$$

$$-CO-C(Hal)=CH2 (2c) or$$

in which

Y is vinyl, β -chloroethyl or β -sulfatoethyl, Hal is bromine, I is a number 2 or 3, X_1 is halogen,

T₁ is C₁-C₄alkoxy, C₁-C₄alkylthio, hydroxy, amino, N-mono- or N,N-di-C₁-C₄alkylamino unsubstituted or substituted in the alkyl moiety by hydroxy, sulfato or by sulfo, morpholino, or phenylamino or N-C₁-C₄alkyl-N-phenylamino each unsubstituted or substituted in the phenyl ring by sulfo, carboxy, acetylamino, chlorine, methyl or by methoxy and wherein the alkyl is unsubstituted or substituted by hydroxy, sulfo or by sulfato, or naphthylamino unsubstituted or substituted by from 1 to 3 sulfo groups, or is a fibre-reactive radical of formula (3a'), (3b'), (3c'), (3d') or (3f')

$$-NH-(CH_2)_{2\cdot 3}-SO_2Y$$
 (3a'),

$$-NH-(CH_2)_{2-3}-O-(CH_2)_{2-3}-SO_2Y$$
 (3b'),

$$-NH$$
 $(SO_3H)_{0-1}$
 $-NH$
 $(3d')$ or

$$-NH \xrightarrow{(SO_3H)_{1\cdot 2}} NH-CO-Y_1$$
 (3f),

 $(R_4)_{0-2}$ is 0 to 2 identical or different substituents from the group of methyl, methoxy and sulfo, Y is as defined above, and

 Y_1 is a group -CH(Br)-CH₂-Br or -C(Br)=CH₂.

8. (currently amended): A reactive polysaccharide derivative according to claim 1-or-2, wherein Z_2 is a radical of formula (4a), (4b), (4c), (4d), (4e) or (4f)

$$R_3$$
—alk—SO₂-Y (4a),

$$---alk-Q-alk_1-SO_2-Y$$
 (4b),

$$--$$
arylene-(alk)_k--W--alk₁--SO₂-Y (4d),

$$H_2C^*-C^*H_2$$

$$^*N-alk-SO_2-Y$$
 $H_2C^*-C^*H_2$
(4e) or

-6-

$$---arylene-NH-CO-Y_1 \tag{4f},$$

 R_3 is hydrogen, hydroxy, sulfo, sulfato, carboxy, cyano, halogen, C_1 - C_4 alkoxycarbonyl, C_1 - C_4 alkanoyloxy, carbamoyl or a group -SO₂-Y,

alk and alk₁ are each independently of the other linear or branched C_1 - C_6 alkylene, arylene is a phenylene or naphthylene radical unsubstituted or substituted by sulfo, carboxy, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy or by halogen,

Q is a radical -O-,

W is a group -SO₂-NR₂-, -CONR₂- or -NR₂CO- wherein R₂ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄alkyl unsubstituted or

substituted by hydroxy, sulfo, sulfato, carboxy or by cyano, or a radical R_3 and R_3 is

hydrogen, hydroxy, sulfo, sulfato, carboxy, cyano, halogen, C_1 - C_4 alkoxycarbonyl, C_1 - C_4 alkanoyloxy, carbamoyl or a group -SO₂-Y,

Y is vinyl or a radical -CH₂-CH₂-U and U is a group removable under alkaline conditions,

Y₁ is a group -CH(Hal)-CH₂-Hal or -C(Hal)=CH₂ and Hal is chlorine or bromine, and and k is a number 0 or 1, and

the atoms indicated with an asterisk in the reactive radical of formula (4e) together with the radical of formula $\bigcap_{Q_3}^{N-Z_2}$ form a piperazine ring.

9. (currently amended): A reactive polysaccharide derivative according to claim 1, $\frac{2 \text{ or } 8}{4}$, wherein Z_2 is a radical of formula (4a'), (4b'), (4c'), (4c'), (4d'), (4d') or (4f')

$$-(CH_2)_{2\cdot 3}-SO_2Y$$
 (4a'),

$$-(CH_2)_{2-3}-O-(CH_2)_{2-3}-SO_2Y$$
 (4b'),

$$SO_2$$
-Y (4c'),

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{(SO}_{3}\text{H)}_{0\text{-}1} \\ \\ \text{CO-NH-(CH}_{2})_{2\text{-}3}\text{-SO}_{2}\text{-Y} \end{array} \tag{4d'),}$$

 $(R_4)_{0-2}$ is 0 to 2 identical or different substituents from the group of methyl, methoxy and sulfo, Y is vinyl, β -chloroethyl or β -sulfatoethyl, and Y_1 is a group -CH(Br)-CH₂-Br or -C(Br)=CH₂.

10. (currently amended): A reactive polysaccharide derivative according to any one of claims 1 to 9_claim 1, wherein

n is 1 or 2, especially-1.

11. (currently amended): A process for the preparation of a reactive polysaccharide derivative of formula (1a) or (1b) according to claim 1, which process comprises the steps of(i) introducing at least one leaving group into the polysaccharide molecule by reaction of a

(i) introducing at least one leaving group into the polysaccharide molecule by reaction of a polysaccharide compound of the formula

$$PS-\left\{ OH\right\} _{n+m} \tag{4}$$

with at least n molar equivalents of a leaving group precursor P* to yield the compound of formula

$$\left[HO \frac{1}{m}PS - P \right]_{n}$$
 (5);

(ii) reacting the compound of formula (5) with at least n molar equivalents of the compound of the formula

to yield the compound of formula

$$\begin{bmatrix} HO \xrightarrow{1}_{m} PS \xrightarrow{I} N \xrightarrow{I} B \xrightarrow{I} A \xrightarrow{I} H \end{bmatrix}_{D}$$
(7),

and allowing the compound of the formula (7) to react with at least n molar equivalents of the compound of the formula

$$Z_1$$
-X (8), or

reacting the compound of formula (5) with at least n molar equivalents of the compound of the formula

$$Q_1$$

H—N—B—A— Z_1 (9), or

reacting the compound of formula (5) with at least n molar equivalents of the compound of the formula

$$\begin{array}{c}Q_{3}\\I-N-Z_{3}\end{array}$$
(10),

wherein

PS, Q₁, Q₃, A, B, Z₁, Z₂, m and n are as defined in claim 1, and X and P are <u>each</u> a leaving group.

12. (original): A process according to claim 11, wherein the compound of formula (4) corresponds to cyclodextrin or a cyclodextrin derivative.

- 13. (currently amended): A process for the preparation of compounds or substrates modified with polysaccharides comprising reacting the said compounds or substrates with a polysaccharide derivative according to any one of claims 1 to 10 or a polysaccharide derivative obtained according to claim 11 or 12 claim 1.
- 14. (currently amended): A process for finishing according to claim 13, wherein textile fiber materials containing hydroxy groups or containing nitrogen, which comprises finishing said materials are finished with the a polysaccharide derivative according to any one of claims 1 to 10 or a polysaccharide derivative obtained according to claim 11 or 12 claim 1.
- 15. (currently amended): A process according to claim 14, wherein the textile fiber materials are cellulose containing fiber materials, in particular cotton containing fiber materials.
- 16. (original): A compound of formula

$$\begin{bmatrix} HO \xrightarrow{\downarrow_m} PS \xrightarrow{\downarrow_n} N - B - A - H \end{bmatrix}_n$$
 (7),

wherein PS, Q_1 , A, B, m and n are as defined in claim 1, with the exception of β -cyclodextrin which is substituted in the 6-position of one of the D-glucopyranosyl units by 2-aminoethylenamino or 2-hydroxyethylenamino and γ -cyclodextrin which is substituted in the 6-position of one of the D-glucopyranosyl units by 2-aminoethylenamino.